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FEDERATION MEETS ON TAMALPAIS

Distinguished by good fellowship and interchange of ideas on conservation and inter-club problems, the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs lived up to the standards set by previous Labor Day meetings at the various club lodges in Washington, Oregon, and California. The California Alpine Club, the host club, assisted by a committee from the Contra Costa Hills Club, did an outstanding job of providing accommodations, commissary, and entertainment.

Some seventy-five officers, delegates, and guests attended the meetings which began Saturday evening and continued through Monday noon. Some highlights of the convention were the reunion of old friends who had not seen one another since 1941, several fine meetings conducted by presiding officer Ed Hughes of the Mazamas, the vain efforts of host club chairman Harry Hertenstein to find something to worry about in a smoothly running organization, and the festive boards groaning with the best products of those maestros of the cuisine, Bill Halliday and Tillie Smedberg. More than honorable mention must go to the beautiful Kodachromes taken and projected by Art Hoffman of the California Alpine Club. The visitors told us that they were more than impressed with the beauties of the Palisade Lakes, the peaks of the Upper Basin, and Bench and Rae lakes.

Those present were particularly fortunate in hearing some excellent remarks by Newton Drury, Director of the National Park Service, on several park matters, especially postwar plans. C.B. (Chet) Morse, Assistant Regional Forester in charge of recreation and lands for the California region, has attended the last five conventions, and this time he seemed to enjoy himself more than usual. He did not seem to mind the barrage of questions on all sorts of matters from sanitation in forest service camps to the (cont.p.2)

FOREST OFFICIAL ASKS AID OF FWOC MEMBERS

Addressing the convention of the Federation of Western Outdoor Clubs at Bootjack Camp last Sunday, "Chet" Morse, Regional Forest Director, pointed out ways in which members of the Sierra Club and other outdoor clubs could help in the Forest Service's postwar program.

He spoke of the desire of the USFS to provide proper recreational facilities in the National Forests of California, to encourage proper recreational use--not roads across the Sierra crest! Recognizing that recreational use of forest lands should be a prime consideration, he said, "Recreation lost out badly after the last war because of the general set-up at that time and because the Chambers of Commerce were not talking recreation. You people can and you people should!" He went on to suggest this specific action--that outdoor clubs and their individual members recommend to Congress that the $175,000 allotted for recreation developments in the proposed Forest Service appropriation be increased. He stated that such fund would prove pitifully inadequate for the work which the public wishes and the Service should like to do.

Praises Work Done by Member Clubs

Speaking of the good wartime work done by outing clubs, Mr. Morse said, "The member clubs (of the FWOC) are entitled to the highest commendation for the parts taken during the emergency: fire lookouts and related work, and harvesting. You have done a wonderful job." He added, "We are happy to be able to report a remarkable decrease in man-caused fires in the National Parks and Forests during the war years. Someone has made people think!"

Mr. Morse answered a question as to the closure of certain forest regions by stating, " It is the desire of the Forest Service to have all forests open to public use--if safety permits," and then explained necessity of seasonal closures.

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Federation Convention (cont. from p. 1) location of Hell's Canyon on the Snake River. Resolutions and proceedings will be reported in the next Yodeler.

Hilary Crawford, member of the Sierra Club and of the California Alpine Club, was elected President for the coming year; Harry C. James of the Trailfinders Vice-President for California; and Lydia Rahn of the Contra Costa Hills Club the Secretary-Treasurer. The invitation extended by the Contra Costa Hills Club to hold the fifteenth annual convention at Mendocino Woodlands over Labor Day in 1946 was accepted before the Convention adjourned. --AHB

FOREST SERVICE WARNS OF FIRE HAZARD

Travel in the National Forests has increased greatly since the end of the war, and as there has been no significant amount of rain for several months, the fire hazard is now quite serious. Regional Forester, S. B. Show, of the U.S. Forest Service, has just issued a warning to all visitors to be especially careful with fire during the next several weeks. Nearly 1200 fires have been reported this season, and about one-third of these have been man-made. The total is slightly less than that of a year ago, but the number of fires caused by human carelessness has increased.

EASTBAY PARTY FETES SERVICEMEN

Honoring Sierrans in the armed forces, and particularly the members of the 10th Mountain Division now enjoying their thirty days at home, a gala party at the Brazilian Room gave many old friends a chance for reunion.

Glenn Weber and the Adams, Patty and Kenny, seemed to have had a lot to do with the arrangements, and received grateful commendation from those attending. Everyone was agreed that the Club "simply must have more parties here," and that "this party was a wonderful idea." Some 150 were in attendance.

JAY FILIBUSTERS CONVENTION

A blue jay was compelled to wait overlong to conduct his customary Sunday afternoon scavenging about Bootjack picnic tables last Sunday, because of the crowd gathering there after lunch to hear the speakers at the Federation meeting.

While the uneasy jay flitted restlessly about through nearby oak trees, speaker succeeded speaker without sign of letup. Lunch scraps disappeared into garbage cans, and he registered a few protesting squawks. But, still ignored, the jay finally decided on bolder action.

With a tremendous fluttering of wings, he crash-landed on a branch right over the speaker's head and burst into the most violent and prolonged blue-jayese ever heard. He could not be stopped even by a few well aimed stones, but worked himself into such a blue-blazed rage that several lady jays hustled their fledglings out of earshot. Nor could he be silenced until the disturbed speaker cut short his remarks, the meeting was adjourned, and the jay could scavenge.

Altogether, Senator Bilbo (who prides himself on his ability as a filibusterer) could have taken lessons from this Mount Tamalpais blue jay. --AHB

WANTED--by Entertainment Committee-- a man or a woman, or both, to take the chairmanship of our Thanksgiving Dinner. Ditto for Christmas Party, likewise for Christmas Breakfast and for Valentine Party. Call or write Cy Washburn, 340 Pine Street, EXbrook 5457. He needs you!

LOMA PRIETA PRATIN'S

Labor Day Overnight Trip. Three beautiful days...a scrumptious redwood grove ...a joint gathering of L.P. and Bay Chapterites...yes, the result was bound to be a lalapaloosa. Leaders Coe Reed and Claire Winter had arranged for a camp a short distance from the main crowd (and it was!) at San Mateo Memorial Park, and the cosy site chosen soon boasted, Saturday evening, of various delectable odors emanating from the culinary products of efforts by the Rollin Ironses, the Pat Olivers, the Melvin Johnsons, the Hermann Horns, the Lou Rices, the Leo Fasts, and the Boris Hermans.

Arriving on Sunday were the Boynton Kaisers, Cicely Christy, and the Kinkade contingent with eight-weeks-old Stephen Roy to get his first whiff of mountain air. (P. S.: He decided not to go hiking, however.)

With informal campfires each evening and ten-mile hikes through the redwood country on Sunday and Monday, those who took full advantage were "a little stiff in spots" when the camp disbanded on Monday afternoon.

We hear that the Johnsons, and perhaps others, even took in a session of folk dancing at Palo Alto Monday evening. Glutttons for punishment, what?

If you missed this outing, here's another opportunity for camping in the big redwoods: Overnight September 29-30, Big Redwood Park in the Santa Cruz Mountains south of Los Gatos. See L. P. schedule for details. --DLK

WEST POINT SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 1945

8 -9	Ruth Bass	(eves.)	RA 1641
15-16	*Elisa Scaparone	"	TU 0514
22-23	Helen & Errol Smith	"	WA 2819
29-30	*Carolyn Nelson	(days)	DO 4648

*Central Commissary

SIERRANS INTERVIEWED FOR PRESS

Feature articles recently appearing in San Francisco papers carry pictures of and interviews with Capt. Robin Hanson and Lt. David R. Brower. Bob told an AP correspondent his impressions of a Jap air field at Atsugi; Dave, Dick Weber, and Bill Ferguson were interviewed on 10th Mountain Division activities.

NATURAL SCIENCE SECTION

Tutti Frutti Special

Our August 26 trip in the Oakland hills was marked by plenty of everything for which the annual Tutti Frutti trip is renowned--a congenial post-vacation gathering bubbling over with typical NSS good-fellowship--the recounting of vacation experiences--echoes from the "week enders" who celebrated War's End with a memorable over-night trip to Mt. Diablo --Connie's announcement of coming NSS e events-- a botany lesson, (what distinguishes the Compositae from other flowers?), after lunch--and berries aplenty to be gathered for that huckleberry pie.

Once again we extend our hearty thanks to all the good folks who provided transportation for us to the top of the hill.

Kodachrome News

We are again indebted to Mr. Charles Webber for thirteen more Kodachromes he has added to our collection. A wide range of locale is covered by the pictures, which include an Eriogonum at Mt. Lassen, a splendid picture of Parsons Lodge in Tuolumne Meadows, and desert wild flowers in Borrego Valley.

Fay Chalmers and Margaret Milwain have volunteered to accession and catalogue our Kodachromes. Each picture will bear an accession number and the name of the donor. All pertinent data will then be recorded on cards and catalogued by subjects. With Tom Howell's assistance, this task has already been commenced.

NSS CALENDAR

Sept. 8, Saturday: U. C. Campus & Botanical Gardens. S. F. members leave Terminal on 1:50 "F" train. Transfer at Alcatraz to "K" car, and go to end of line, (Bancroft & Telegraph), where we meet East Bay members at 2:32. We will meet at Ennor's at 5:00 P.M. for dinner afterwards.

Sept. 21, Friday: Assembly meeting at 7:30 P.M. in Room 360, Mills Tower. Come one, come all! Hear the thrilling highlights of members' vacations, and see High Sierra pictures.

Sept. 23, Sunday: Tree trip to Ross. Leave 7th St. Greyhound depot on 8:40 bus to Ross. Buy round trip ticket to Fairfax. We will have Slumgullion Supper at Deer Park after the trip. Bring your own cup, plate, spoon and fork and something for the Slumgullion.

YODELEARS HEAR

--of the birth of a son, Lawrence, Jr., to Dorothy (Mortimer) and Larry McGuire, in San Francisco, on July 20.

--of the marriage of John Dyer, vitamin chemist, and Pauline Tomkiel, formerly of San Diego, in Ketchikan, Alaska, a few weeks ago.

"They met, appropriately enough," our Ketchikan reporter, Dixie Woodburn, tells us, "on Deer Mountain." They will make their home, at present, in Ketchikan, where Johnny is in charge of the plant of the Alaska Fish Oil Extractors.

--that Sam Sherrill, now undergoing "separation" from the Navy, and Margie plan to drive to Florida to visit her home as soon as Sam's well earned vacation begins. Margie's mother, Mrs. Dennis, has been visiting here and will return with them.

--that Ralph Moller is back in civilian life again, and expects to fly for United Air Lines.

--of good news from Dick Leonard, now on his way home from Assam.

--that Buzzie Sarvis has returned from a two-week backpacking trip into the Yosemite high country with two friends whose previous mountaineering experience had been in the Appalachians and who now share Buzzie's enthusiasm for the Sierra.

--that Mrs. Gertrude Zinke is in residence at Clair Tappaan Lodge as temporary custodian (but that the Lodge Committee still seeks a permanent manager).

--that Jack Armold, now in San Francisco, recently spent about two weeks in and about Yosemite, first on a camping trip with Art Blake, then staying with Ranger Tom Rixon. He has received notification of his commission as Pilot Officer in the Royal Canadian Air Force dating from May 1945. He will rejoin the RCAF at Vancouver, B.C., at the end of his leave, but expects to be discharged soon.

--that Lewis Clark, USNR, recently exchanged his silver bars for gold leaves.

--that Alex Hildebrand is spending many week ends working on his ranch near Manteca, and is often helped by Dick Burnley.

--of the closing of Parsons Memorial Lodge at Tuolumne Meadows on September 6.

--that Anne and Dave Brower are spending part of Dave's leave in the High Sierra, and that Barby and Raffi Bedayn are to follow suit next week.

APPLICATIONS FOR MEMBERSHIP
San Francisco Bay Chapter
Listed August 27, 1945
Date of Election September 26, 1945

Elizabeth Bade	Wm. E. Colby
Berkeley	Alfred E. Weiler
Gregory Bergmans	Dorothy M. Hill
San Francisco	Elgin Juri
Marguerite Colliton	Lucy A. Hall
San Mateo	Virginia Ferguson
Elizabeth Lowenhaupt	Dina Munves
San Francisco	Alice S. Mulford
Douglas N. Jenks	Charles H. Gray
San Francisco	Marvin R. Shapiro
Anne Kent	Richard M. Leonard
Kentfield	Norman B. Livermore,Jr.
Martha Kent	Richard M. Leonard
Kentfield	Norman B. Livermore,Jr.
Marilyn Reinke	Dr. A. R. Reinke
Oakland	Herbert L. Breed
Marion Rosen	Patricia Bowler
Berkeley	Peter Picard
Bruce Rosenblatt	Richard T. Ready
Berkeley	Robert R. Johnson
J. C. Russell	Edgar M. Cerf
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Mrs. J. C. Russell	Edgar M. Cerf
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San Francisco	E. Cecil Earle
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San Francisco	Frank L. Bradley
Oliver Scow, Jr.	Peter Picard
San Francisco	Donald Horne
Roger J. Traynor	Marjory Farquhar
Berkeley	Francis P. Farquhar
Paul Walter III	Raymond R. Ross
San Francisco	Charles H. Gray
Virginia C. Ward	Joanne Taylor
Berkeley	Marshall Jencks
Florence White	Hans Leschke
San Francisco	John Thomas Howell

--that Tillie Smedberg did another super job last week end, when she provided delegates of the Western Federation of Outdoor Clubs with memorable meals.

--that Ike Livermore is home on leave enjoying a well earned rest. Ike was last engaged in the battles for Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

--that Charlotta and Max Knight joined the Contra Costa Hills Club on their trip into Kings Canyon National Park, August 10 to 21. Twenty-four people hiked over Bishop Pass, camped at Dusy Basin, Deer Meadows, Middle Palisade Upper Lake, and Junction Meadows. Jules Eichorn, who was leading a group of teen-aged boys, and Norman Clyde showed up at a number of the campfires.